

Senate Resolution 1493

By: Senator Ramsey, Sr. of the 43rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Stone Mountain/Lithonia Graduate chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority,
2 Inc., on its annual Tickled Pink Fundraiser to award college scholarships to high school
3 students from DeKalb County, Georgia; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, in September, 1994, the Stone Mountain/Lithonia Graduate chapter of Alpha
5 Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., opened the Ivy AKAdemy at Rainbow Elementary School and,
6 in 2003, began conducting the Ivy Reading AKAdemy After-School Tutorial Program at
7 Panola Way Elementary School; and

8 WHEREAS, the Stone Mountain/Lithonia Graduate chapter established a major fundraising
9 event, the biennial Pink Ice Gala, for the purposes of awarding scholarships to college-bound
10 students and recognizing outstanding community leaders; and

11 WHEREAS, from 1996 to 2003, the Stone Mountain/Lithonia Graduate chapter hosted an
12 annual China Banquet Luncheon to showcase the creative talents of local youth and adopted
13 the Children Emergency Shelter in May of 1996; and

14 WHEREAS, the Stone Mountain/Lithonia Graduate chapter adopted a portion of Stone
15 Mountain-Lithonia Road in DeKalb County in partnership with the DeKalb Clean and
16 Beautiful Program in 1998; and

17 WHEREAS, during the 1997-1998 school year, the Stone Mountain/Lithonia Graduate
18 chapter conducted the Partnership In Math and Science Initiative with Stephenson Middle
19 School students and Georgia Tech at Shadow Rock Elementary; and

20 WHEREAS, the Stone Mountain/Lithonia Graduate chapter further demonstrated its
21 commitment to education with its ON TRACK program, a tutoring and mentoring program
22 for students in grades three through six at Redan Elementary School; and

23 WHEREAS, the Stone Mountain/Lithonia Graduate chapter was awarded \$10,000.00 in
24 funding from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety for car safety seat distribution and
25 highway safety education; and

26 WHEREAS, a community leader, the Stone Mountain/Lithonia Graduate chapter has
27 cosponsored the annual Creative Collaboration in the Southeast, featuring poetry readings,
28 with the DeKalb Council for the Arts and private donors and has been active in the awarding
29 of a Steps to a Healthier DeKalb Community Small Grant Program and the implementation
30 of the PATH: Positive Avenues to Total Health initiative; and

31 WHEREAS, throughout their 17 years of service, the members of the Stone
32 Mountain/Lithonia Graduate chapter have collaborated with other agencies and organizations
33 to make a positive difference in the lives of the residents of DeKalb County, and they
34 continue to be committed to the ideals of sisterhood, "To make Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority,
35 Incorporated supreme in service to all mankind."

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
37 commend the Stone Mountain/Lithonia Graduate chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority,
38 Inc., on its outstanding community service and numerous accomplishments.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
40 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Stone Mountain/Lithonia Graduate
41 chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.